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SUMMARY: THE ANTI-WESTERN CULTURAL POLEMIC PRESENTLY GATHERING
STEAM IN CHINA HAS PRODUCED A SCATHING, IDEOLOGICAL DENUNCIATION
OF U.S. SOCIETY. END SUMMARY.

1. THE LATEST TIRADE IN CHINA'S ANTI-WESTERN CULTURAL POLEMIC
PREDICTS THAT THE U.S. IS "GOING TO SINK" AND "TURN UPSIDEDOWN, BECAUSE

OF ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CRISES. THIS PRE-
DICTION IS CONTAINED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE
SHANGHAI IDEOLOGICAL JOURNAL "STUDY AND CRITICISM" WHICH
EXAMINES THE BOOK "JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL" (EXCERPTS
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FROM THE ARTICLE WERE REPRINTED IN HONG KONG NEW EVENING

POST OF FEB. 3). PREVIOUS

PEKING MEDIA COMMENT ON THIS NOVEL CENTERED ON ITS PROMOTION IN TAIWAN BY THE "CHIANG CLIQUE." THE SHANGHAI ARTICLE, AS EXCERPTED IN THE LEFTIST PRESS HERE, HOWEVER, DEVOTES THE BULK OF ITS INTERPRETATION TO THE IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. SOCIETY. PROMULGATION OF THE BOOK IS SAID TO BE INTENDED TO SOW THE WICKED SEEDS OF SUBJECTIVE IDEALISM AND TO CORRODE THE REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT.

2. THE SHANGHAI ARTICLE CHARGES THAT "THE CONTRADICTIONS INHERENT IN MONOPOLY CAPITALISM" HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY ACUTE IN THE U.S., "THE MONOPOLY BOURGEOIS ARE TREMBLING AND THE BROAD MASSES OF LABORING PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR OR HAVE ALREADY FOUND THE ROAD OF REVOLUTION." THE AVARICE AND PLUNDER OF THE AMERICAN BOURGEOIS AND THEIR FIERCE CONTENTION IS SAID TO HAVE RISEN TO A "HIGHER STAGE." "THE SHIP (THE U.S.) IS GOING TO SINK" EXULTS THE ARTICLE, AND BOURGEOIS LITERATURE IN THE U. S. LIKE THE BOURGEOIS CLASS ITSELF IS "MOVING TOWARD TOTAL DECAY." AFTER A BRIEF ATTACK ON THE "CHIANG CLIQUE" FOR ALSO BEGUILING THE MASSES WITH JONATHAN'S PHILOSOPHY, THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT "ONLY WHEN THE WORKING CLASS AND THE LABORING PEOPLE RISE UP TO CARRY OUT SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND BURY THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM CAN THEY BRING ABOUT A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ALL COUNTRIES. THERE IS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE."

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS APPARENT TO US THAT IDEOLOGICAL WATCHDOGS IN CHINA ARE SEARCHING THE SKIES FOR SUBJECTS WHICH WILL PROVIDE A HANDLE FOR DIATRIBES AGAINST THE WEST, PARTICULARLY THE U.S. LIKE FILM-MAKER ANTONIONI, (HONG KONG 1115) JONATHAN SEAGULL, BECAUSE OF THE RATHER STRANGE OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT OF HIS CULT IN TAIWAN, HAS BEEN SEIZED BY THE LEFTISTS AS A USEFUL WHIPPING BOY (OR BIRD).
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